जाते थे। क्रेता को डिपुओं में उपलब्ध मौजूदा स्टाक में से स्टाक निर्मुक्त किया जाता था अथवा अधिशेष राज्य से केन्द्रों/पत्तन नगरों को स्टाक का संचलन किया जाता था।

(घ) चावल की खरीद के लिए 107 आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त हुए थे जिनमें से 72 को भारतीय खाद्य निगम से चावल निर्मुक्त किया गया था। इसी प्रकार गेहूं की खरीद के लिए 101 आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त हुए थे जिनमें 17 को भारतीय खाद्य निगम से गेहूं निर्मुक्त किया था।

विवरण

1995-96 के दौरान केन्द्रीय पूल से खुले बाजार में बिक्री योजना के अधीन निर्यात बिक्री के लिए गेहूं और चावल (बढ़िया और उत्तम) के मूल्यों को बताने वाला विवरण

क्र०सं०	राज्य	गेहूं	चावल	
			बढ़िया	उत्तम
1.	पंजाब	रु० 4100 — 4458.45	6700 — 7694	7000 — 8029
2.	हरियाणा	रु० 4100 — 4458.45	6650 — 7619	6950 — 7975
3.	उत्तर प्रदेश	रु० 4100 — 4458.45	6500 — 7629	6800 — 7802
4.	दिल्ली	रु० 4150 — 4458.45	6400 — 7347	6700 — 7694
5.	हिमाचल प्रदेश	रु० 4150 — —	———	———
6.	जम्मू और कश्मीर	रु० 4150 — —	6500 — 7619	6800 — 7802
7.	राजस्थान	रु० 4150 — 4562.95	6500 — 7629	6800 — 7802
8.	मध्य प्रदेश	रु० 4100 — 4562.95	6300 — 7228	6600 — 7574
9.	बिहार	रु० 4300 — 4719.30	6300 — 7228	6600 — 7574
10.	उड़ीसा	रु० 4350 — 5136.50	6350 — 8968	6650 — 9303
11.	प० बंगाल	रु० 4350 — 5136.50	6300 — 8968	6600 — 9303
12.	महाराष्ट्र	रु० 4350 — 5136.50	6300 — 8968	6600 — 9303
13.	गुजरात	रु० 4350 — 5136.50	6300 — 8968	6600 — 9303
14.	आंध्र प्रदेश	रु० 4550 — 5136.50	6300 — 8968	6600 — 9303
15.	तमिलनाडु	रु० 4550 — 5136.50	6300 — 8968	6600 — 9303
16.	कर्नाटक	रु० 4550 — 5136.50	6300 — 8968	6600 — 9303
17.	केरल	रु० 4550 — 5136.50	6300 — 8968	6600 — 9303

Supply of Coal to Thermal Power Plants in Punjab

742. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of coal to the thermal power stations in Punjab is not sufficient to meet the requirement which has had an adverse bearing on the electricity production in the State; and

(b) if so, what steps Government would envisage to ensure normal supply of coal to the thermal power stations in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Coal linkages to Thermal Power Stations in Punjab have been provided as per recommendations made by the Central Electricity Authority which are based on generation capacity agreed by the Punjab State Electricity Board (PSEB). Coal Companies would be able to meet the requirement of PSEB in full, subject to Railways moving the linked quantity and power stations impro-

ving their performance of unloading coal wagons.

Movement of coal by rail to Power Sector is accorded highest priority. Coal supplies to power houses are monitored regularly by an inter-ministerial group and corrective action is taken wherever necessary.

ESI Hospitals and Dispensary

743. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposal for upgradation of some ESI hospitals/ dispensaries in the country;

(b) whether any such ESI hospitals or dispensaries have been selected in Orissa for upgradation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government also propose to set up some new ESI hospitals and dispensaries during 1996-97; and

(e) if so, details of the proposal in that regard for Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A proposal to upgrade the ESI dispensary at Dhenkanal into a Diagnostic Centre with 10 beds has since been received in the ESI Corporation from the Government of Orissa.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Two hospitals with 50 beds each which are already under construction at Bhubaneshwar and Rourkela are likely to be commissioned during 1996-97. Under the phased programme of the ESIC, three ESI dispensaries one each at Puri, Kuarmunda and Laxmi Nagar are also likely to be set up.

Short Supply of Coal to Power Plants

744. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the existing position regarding supply of Coal to the power plants in the country;

(b) the total quantity of coal supplied, month-wise to the power plants as against their demand;

(c) the reasons for the short supply of coal, if any; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the coal supply position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) The month-wise linkages and supply of coal to power stations during the period April-June, 1996 were as under:

(In million tonnes)
(Data provisional)

Month	linkage	supply
April, 96	16.35	16.44
May, 96	16.35	16.06
June, 96	16.35	15.03

Supplies to some power stations may have been less than the linkages accorded to them. This is mainly on account of supplies being regulated against payment and also due to transportation constraints in moving the linked quantity of coal to the power stations. In certain cases the supplies of coal were also lower than the linked quantity due to the inability of the power station to consume the projected quantity of coal due to their own technical limitations.

(d) Coal supplies to power sector is accorded the highest priority. Supply of coal to power sector is monitored regularly by an inter-ministerial Group. Appropriate corrective action is taken to step up coal supplies wherever necessary.